December 9, 1988

Honorable Steve Nathan Councilmember, City of Norco 1951 Alhambra Street Norco, CA 91760

Re: Our File No. G-88-457

Dear Councilmember Nathan:

We have received your inquiry concerning a "Democratic" slate mailer, prepared by an organization known as California Democratic Voter Manual. You have asked whether anything can be done to keep local city council races non-partisan.

Your question does not concern a subject governed by the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015). The Commission's authority is limited to interpretation and enforcement of the Political Reform Act. The Political Reform Act regulates political campaigns with respect to disclosure of campaign contributions, limitations on contributions, and sender identification on campaign mailings. However, the Political Reform Act does not regulate the involvement of political parties or other partisan organizations in city council elections. Therefore, we cannot provide the assistance you have requested.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths General Counsel

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Counsel, Legal Division

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VOTE DEMOCRATIC

INSURANCE REFORM SLATE

100 NO

NO RECOMMENDATION

103 NO

104 YES

106 YES State Measures

#78 YES

#92 YES #79 YES -#93 YES

#80 YES -#94 YES

#96 NO* #81 YES -

#97 YES #82 YES #98 YES #83 YES

#84 YES #99 NO*

#85 YES #100 NO* (p)

#102 NO **#86 YES**

#103 NO* #87 YES

#88 YES* #104 YES*

#89 YES #105 YES and

#106 YES* -#90 YES

#91 YES

No recommendation on Prop 101

County Measures

YES on A* and C; NO on B

No Recommendation on D >

Local Measures

NO on F

NO on TAXES NO on CRIME

NO on 99

Not authorized by Dukakie-Bentsen for Pres., McCerthy for Sen., or Pearson for Cong. Committee

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